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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6620

BILL NUMBER: SB 371

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 27, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Emergency Medical Services Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Mishler

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Frye

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Renaming and Deleting Terms*- The bill renames "emergency medical technician-intermediate" as "advanced emergency medical technician". The bill deletes the term "emergency medical technician-basic advanced". The bill renames "first responders" as "emergency medical responders".

Emergency Rules- The bill authorizes the Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) to implement an emergency services personnel certification program through emergency rules.

Other Provisions- The bill requires that an emergency medical dispatcher must have completed training that meets specified standards and removes language in which the EMSC certified an emergency medical dispatch agency.

Two-Year Grace Period- The bill allows an individual who is currently certified as (1) an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, or (2) an emergency medical technician-intermediate two years to comply with new certification requirements for emergency medical services personnel. The bill makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Emergency Rules*- The bill would give the EMSC the option to implement rules to establish a certification program for the regulation of emergency service personnel. Rule adoption is a normal function of the EMSC. Therefore, the EMSC would likely be able to adopt emergency rules within regular scheduled business meetings. Any emergency rule established would expire on the later of either July 1, 2014, or the date permanent rules are adopted. Any impact on state expenditures would depend on the level

of regulation required by the EMSC and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as established by rule.

If additional funds and resources were required to implement this provision, they could be supplied through existing staff and resources currently being used in another program or with new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend on further administrative and perhaps legislative actions. Any costs to the DHS that come out of emergency or permanent rules may be mitigated by the requirement within the bill that an emergency medical dispatcher would have to show proof of completion of training that meets or exceeds the standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (*Emergency Medical Dispatch Program Implementation and Administration Managers Guide*, as in effect July 1, 2012).

Other Provisions- According to the DHA, removal of EMSC certification of emergency medical dispatch agencies would not generate any impact to state expenditures, since the EMSC has not established a certification program due to the cost on agencies seeking certification.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Other Provisions-* See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

(Revised) *Two-Year Grace Period-* This provision may reduce the amount of revenue generated by re-certification fees for a two-year period as persons may need additional training to be certified as emergency medical responders. Currently, the fee is \$50 to renew an application for certification.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Emergency Medical Services Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

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